

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, as shown in Figures 1 and 3, a die of the present invention is a die (10) for extruding a honeycomb body which has a structure provided ~~with~~with groovy slits (2) on a front face thereof, formed by cell blocks ~~(3)~~(3) having cell block width (b), and provided ~~with~~with back holes (4), on a back face thereof, each communicatively connected with the slit ~~(2)-(2)~~(2) via a necked portion (6).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the die jig using the die of the present invention will be explained with reference to Fig. 3. As shown in Fig. 3, the die jig of the present invention is a jig for forming a honeycomb body which includes a die 10 having a structure provided with groovy slits on a front face thereof, the slits being formed by cell blocks, and provided with back holes 4 on a back surface thereof, each hole being communicatively connected with the slit, a holding plate 12 fixing a profile and size of a honeycomb body, and a back holding plate 14 controlling an amount of kneaded clay uniformly flowing into the back holes 4. The die jig also includes a holding jig 15, a forming ring 18, a noodle die 22, a screen 24, and a forming ring holding element 16.